

REMARKS

Claims 10-17 are pending. Claim 10 and 16 are the only independent claims. Claim 16 has been amended to be in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 10-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Lee (GB 2 343 324) in view of U.S. Patent 6,466,202 (Suso et al). Applicants submit that independent claim 10 and amended claim 16 are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 10 is directed to a folding portable communication unit. The unit includes: a first cabinet; a second cabinet, the first cabinet and the second cabinet being supported by a hinge so as to be rotatable around the hinge; a first key unit situated on an obverse surface of the first cabinet or the second cabinet and from which a user inputs first data; a second key unit situated on a rear cover of the first or second cabinet and from which the user inputs second data in a case that the first cabinet and the second cabinet are folded in a closed position; a first display situated on an obverse surface of the first cabinet and which displays first information; a second display situated on a rear surface of the first cabinet or the second cabinet and which displays second information, the second information being viewable by the user in a case that the first cabinet and the second cabinet are folded in the closed position; a common display driver operable to drive both the first display and the second display; and a control unit operable to make the common display driver decide which of the first display and the second display is to be used. The folding portable communication unit is operable to permit verbal telephone communication only in a case that the first cabinet and the second cabinet are in an open position.

Lee et al. teaches, among other things, a dual display mobile telephone. Suso et al. is relied upon for the teaching of the secondary key unit.

In two of Lee's embodiments, a single LCD controller is used to control two LCD displays. See e.g., Figs. 3 and 7. However, Lee fails to teach a communication unit having a sensor for detecting whether the telephone is open or closed together with a single LCD controller. Lee only teaches providing such a sensor in the embodiment of Figure 4, which uses dual, i.e., separate,

LCD controllers. Lee does not teach the use of such a sensor in either of the embodiments having a single LCD controller. As such, there is no teaching in Lee of the communication unit of claim 10, which requires *both* a sensor and a single LCD controller. For at least this reason, claim 10 is believed patentable over Lee and Suso, taken individually or in combination.

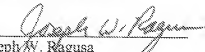
As recited in claim 16, the decision relating to what is displayed on the secondary display is made based upon an entry of the user. Lee discusses, in one embodiment, using a sensor to determine which LCD display will be used, but does not teach or suggest that the choice of the display can be made *by the user*. Suso does not remedy this deficiency of Lee as a reference against new independent claim 16.

For at least this reason, independent claim 16 is believed patentable over the cited prior art, taken individually or in combination. The other claims are ultimately dependent on independent claim 10 discussed above and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as that claim.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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